

Augustus Bampfylde, 2nd Baron Poltimore

Augustus Frederick George Warwick Bampfylde, 2nd Baron Poltimore PC[ⓘ] DL[ⓘ] (12 April 1837 – 3 May 1908), styled **The Honourable Augustus Bampfylde** until 1858, of Poltimore House and North Molton in Devon, was a British Liberal politician. Between 1872 and 1874 he served as Treasurer of the Household to Queen Victoria, under William Ewart Gladstone.

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Origins

Bampfylde was the son and heir of George Bampfylde, 1st Baron Poltimore, by his second wife Caroline Buller, daughter of General Frederick William Buller.

Career

Bampfylde succeeded his father in the barony in 1858. He sat on the Liberal benches in the House of Lords and served in the first Liberal administration of William Ewart Gladstone as Treasurer of the Household from 1872^[1] to 1874.^[2] In 1872 he was sworn of the Privy Council.^[3]

He was appointed Commanding Officer of the 1st (Exeter and South Devon) Devonshire Rifle Volunteer Corps on 27 September 1865.^[4]

Marriage and children

In 1858 Lord Poltimore married Florence Sara Wilhelmine Brinsley Sheridan (d. February 1909), daughter of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, MP, of Frampton Court. By her he had children including:

<div>The Right Honourable</div> <div>The Lord Poltimore</div> <div> </div>	
Treasurer of the Household	
In office	
1 March 1872 – 17 February 1874	
Monarch	 Queen Victoria
Prime Minister	 William Ewart Gladstone
Preceded by	 The Lord de Tabley
Succeeded by	 The Lord Monson
Personal details	
Born	12 April 1837
Died	3 May 1908 (aged 71)
Nationality	 British
Political party	 Liberal
Spouse(s)	Florence Brinsley Sheridan (m. 1858)
Parents	 George Bampfylde, 1st Baron Poltimore Caroline Buller



Poltimore House, seat of the Bampfylde family

- Coplestone Richard George Warwick Bampfylde, 3rd Baron Poltimore (1859–1918).

Poltimore Tiara

Florence, Lady Poltimore had a diamond tiara made for her by Garrards of London in the 1870s, later known as the *Poltimore Tiara*. It was sold at auction by the 4th Baron for £5,500. It was made famous after having been worn by Princess Margaret at her wedding in 1960 in Westminster Abbey, having been purchased for her shortly beforehand. After the Princess's death, it was sold at auction in 2006 at Christie's, by her children, Viscount Linley and Lady Sarah Chatto,^[5] for £926,400 (\$1,704,576). It can be converted into a necklace and brooches.^[6]



Lady Poltimore wearing her peeress robes and the *Poltimore Tiara*

Death and burial

He died in May 1908, aged 71.

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